

AGENDA

CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the March 9, 2005 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Tom West regarding proposed Nimisilla Park improvements
2. Picnic Table Policy

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Faith Bible Church requesting to use the Waterworks shelter from August 1 thru August 5 to hold a VBS activity
2. Stark County Disc Golf Association requesting to use Arboretum and Spiker Parks on May 21 and 22, 2005, to hold their annual "Hall of Chains" tournament. Also, to allow the placing of sponsor signs during the tournament.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

APRIL, 2005

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Vice President; Mr. Jim Speakman, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

At this time a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2005, regular meeting as written was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Councilmember Tom West regarding proposed Nimisilla Park improvements - Councilmember West provided the Board with an update with his efforts at Nimisilla Park.

He explained that he had been trying to work with the Stark County Community Foundation for them to handle donated monies. However, the Foundation was not willing to handle small donations so Mr. West was looking into a "park fund" within the City. He explained that he had conversations with the O'Jay's about them lending their support. He has been told they are willing to do so. Mr. West thought it would be nice to name the stage after the group. He also said he was working with the Community Development Director to find a location for the Park System to use as a storage area so the old area at Nimisilla could be converted to public area. Mr. West stated he was also considering a park levy as a part of this effort.

Mr. Black asked Mr. West for copies of the current proposal plan. Mr. Speakman stated he would like to see the plan as he was not on the Board when fist presented.

Mr. Black also asked if a cost estimate was available for the proposed plan. Mr. West said he had someone putting an estimate together.

2. Picnic Table Policy - No new information was presented with regard to this issue, and it remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Faith Bible Church requesting to use the Waterworks shelter from August 1 thru August 5 to hold a VBS activity - A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was made by J. Speakman, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. Stark County Disc Golf Association requesting to use Arboretum and Spiker Parks on May 21 and 22, 2005, to hold their annual "Hall of Chains" tournament. Also, to allow the placing of sponsor signs during the tournament - A motion to approve this request with an insurance requirement was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Director presented the Board with a good deal of information regarding goose control methods. He told the Board that there had been a new rash of complaints related to the mess the geese leave behind.

At this time the Director stated he was ready to recommend the Board try and do a "roundup" to reduce the resident numbers. He told the Board that he had talked to the Mayor, and she stated she too was tired of the complaints. The Director had also talked to the Law Director about the creation of a park rule against the feeding of animals and in another matter of dogs on the walking track in Stadium Park.

Mr. Black stated he felt that a roundup would just create more complaints while the usual complaints would still be there.

The Director stated that both the Law Director and he agreed with that statement. He had also told the Mayor the same. The Director explained he was looking for a way to respond to the complaints. He also talked about a nest destruction permit.

Mr. Lamiell asked about the water trailer. The Director stated he did have a trailer, but one group of geese could have the track messed up again an hour after a cleaning.

Mr. Black discussed previous efforts to bring in a dog and the costs involved with that proposal.

The Board was against a roundup or nest destruction at this time and instructed the Director to make it a priority to get the track cleaned once a week and to bring back for the next meeting proposed rules for the feeding of animals and the dogs on the track issue.

2. Use Requests:

- A. Canton Joint Recreation District requesting to use the Garaux Park shelter on Mondays and Wednesdays in June and July to hold classes in their All American Youth Self-Defense/Safety Awareness and Cheer America activities.
- B. Hall of Fame Festival requesting the use of City bleachers for the Grand Parade.
- C. Great Trail Council - Girl Scouts requesting permission for their Troop 750 to hold a rummage sale at Martindale Park on June 11, 2005.

A motion to approve the above requests with an insurance requirement on use B and C was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- 3. J. Babe Stearn Community Center requesting to name the ball field next to the fire station at Harmont Park after Mr. Ronald "Rob" Robinson for his over 30 years of coaching in the Canton Mitey-Mite Baseball and 51 years of total service to the organization.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

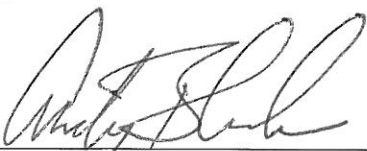
- 4. The Director informed the Board that there was a delay in the north walking track bridge replacement project.

He told them that he had walked to the proposed trail from West Park to Covered Bridge Park with the Service Director and Stark County Park representatives.

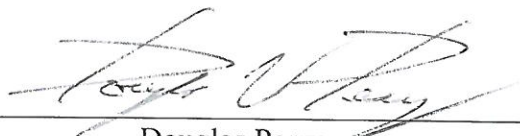
He also told them that had received communication from Stark Soil and Water regarding the West Park project. He said he had not been able to get in touch of Mr. Ford from Beaver Excavating. Mr. Black stated he would try and make contact with him.

The Director also informed the Board that the Commission had been remembered in the will of the late Ms. Louella G. Williams who intended to leave the Commission funds for the maintenance of Monument Park.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary